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BUTLER IS AFTER DAVIS MAY ERECT LODGING HOUSES HOTEL AT STATION

Dilapidated Structure at Nineteenth and Main Streets Ordered Vacated.

Building Inspector Butler issued notice yesterday to the Cardwell Machine Company, owner, to have vacated the old four-story brick tenement at the southeast corner of Nineteenth and Main Streets, now occupied as a rooming house by a large number of foreigners of many nationalities. Attention of the owners was called to the dilapidated condition of this building by former Building Inspector Beck. Its condition is described as being much the same as that of the Davis Hotel, recently condemned, though the Nineteenth Street building is much older. It has crumbling and insecure foundations and is said to be in the last stages of dilapidation and ruin.

His attention having been called to this section of the city, Mr. Butler and his deputies expect to make a systematic inspection of a number of buildings on East Main Street from Fourteenth to Eighteenth, used as rooming and lodging houses. Many of these are known to be old and out of repair. Some of them might be sufficient for ordinary business purposes, but the regulations will be strictly enforced in the rooming houses, where a large number of people, often strangers, are allowed to sleep.

ALLAN GETTING WELL

Postmaster Expected to Take Up His Work on February 10.
Postmaster Edgar Allan, Jr., who was recently discharged from St. Luke's Hospital after an extended illness, expects to resume charge of his official duties about February 10. With Mrs. Allan, he is at present in Washington on a visit to his mother. Mr. Allan was granted leave of absence for a month by the Post-Office Department, the holiday expiring February 10.
The postmaster was taken sick on November 2, and was for some time after that in a critical condition. During his long absence from his office his duties have been discharged by Assistant Postmaster W. Ross Southward, who has come in for much praise on the able manner in which he supervised the installation of the parcel post service in the local office.

WITNESS EXAMINED

Special Grand Jury Pushing Tax Returns of Many Citizens.
The following witnesses have been examined by the special grand jury investigating tax returns in Washington of the Hastings Court.
H. H. George, Jr., Tyler & Ryan, R. Lynch Montague, John Mitchell, Jr., J. F. Armstrong, R. M. Smith & Co., Thomas Adkins & Co., E. V. Gann, D. S. Harwood, Ballard & Ballard, Chase, Traffell, W. G. Bruce Co., R. S. Christian & Son, Fleming Bros. Smith & Hill, Virginia Bonded Warehouse Company, W. B. West, Curran, Wyatt, R. P. Taylor, Jr., J. H. Capers Co., Porter Brewing Company, Pabst Brewing Company, Standard Oil Company of M. Graves, Mrs. Strohbecker, E. D. Hotchkiss, Jr.

Must Serve Jail Sentences.
Tapeline Aston, colored, was yesterday convicted in the Henrico Circuit Court on a charge of harboring a fugitive from justice. She was sentenced by Judge B. Carter Scott to serve six months in jail and pay a fine of \$10.

The case came from the lower court on appeal. The woman was accused of hiding Ben Richardson, colored, who was wanted on a murder charge. Magistrate S. H. Sunday imposed a jail sentence of twelve months and a \$20 fine.

Marriage in Washington.
A marriage was solemnized in Washington yesterday to Clarence S. Parker and Thelma I. Strickland, both of Richmond.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Robert Leslie Simon and Alice Ruth Howell, John E. Robinson and Mary Chesterman Murray, William H. Gifford and Blanche B. Bouché, and Benjamin Thomas Jones and Aubrey B. Parrish.

PUBLIC LIBRARY AN INVESTMENT

Movement for Municipal Institution Launched in Richmond Yesterday.

LOCAL OFFICERS CHOSEN

Librarian Bowerman, of Washington, Points Out Disadvantages of Delay.

"The Washington Public Library has \$600,000 devoted to the all-important trades, industries and businesses, with special emphasis on industries most important in Washington, such as printing, gunmaking, automobiles, accounting and stenography. In a Richmond public library special attention would be given to your industries, such as tobacco manufactures, commercial and mechanical work and other lines where the worker could be helped to increase his income and the business of the city. Thus far Richmond has lost the opportunity to provide itself with such an adjunct to its commercial life."

These sentences are the keynote of the plea made yesterday at a luncheon in the Richmond Hotel by Dr. George F. Bowerman, librarian of the Washington, D. C. Public Library, for "A Richmond Public Library: An Investment—Not An Expense." His audience, gathered under the auspices of the Richmond Educational Association, represented some twenty social and educational organizations affiliated with the campaign to build a library in this city. Among those present were Mayor Ainslie, Miss Mary Johnston, Rev. W. Russell Bowie, Mrs. W. G. Stanard, F. W. Duke, Dr. J. C. Metcalf, Dr. E. N. Calisch, Dr. H. R. McIlwaine, Evan R. Chesterman, Wyndham R. Meredith, Mrs. E. H. Munford, Mrs. M. V. Rosenbaum and L. McKee Judkins.

Uses of Library.
Dr. Bowerman took the view that Richmond must make this investment at once for the sake of completing the school system, for the benefit of the adult who wants to learn, for citizens who want to keep up to date on political, social, economic and educational questions, and to provide for intelligent government. "On this point," he said, "What Richmond doing to enable the citizens to decide whether they want the commission form of government or not? What provision is made that the city officials are iron and steel? What method of fire protection, garbage disposal, street paving, lighting, and other problems? How can the average man get such information?"

Replying to the old objection that a library is a luxury, he said that statistics for eight years in Washington, during that period, the annual circulation has increased from 278,000 to 690,000 volumes, yet the amount of fiction issued has decreased from 100,000 to 50,000, and of the last figure the quality is much better.

Local Support Pledged.
Mayor Ainslie spoke on the practical methods for getting a library that is admitted by Richmond needs. "I pledge my efforts for the library," he said, "as one of my chief duties."

Meredith spoke of the library as the people's university. Dr. Calisch made an eloquent appeal for carrying beauty and truth to the poor man who cannot afford his own books.

The organization of the Richmond Public Library Association was perfected by the election of Dr. Bowerman as president, Robert Whittey, of the Administrative Board, vice-president, and Evan R. Chesterman, secretary. A second meeting for further plans will be held in the near future.

Dr. Bowerman said in part: "In counting up the gains and losses to Richmond through postponement of making the library, we consider the losses in the earning power of the boys and girls who have dropped out of school prematurely that a public library might have held in school, the fact that boys and girls who have dropped out of school but who would still like to improve themselves intellectually and increase their earning capacity have no municipal public library to which they may go for help. Is it not also a safe assumption that some of them, lacking the assistance of a public library would afford, have now become juvenile delinquents and criminals and that you may now be spending more from the public funds for their apprehension, conviction, restraint and reformation than a public library would cost the city?"

"What of the gains and losses to the adult citizens of Richmond from the postponement of the establishment and maintenance of a free public library here. The presence of a public library in any city is an indirect recognition of the fact that its citizens believe education is not measured by the period of school instruction, but that its citizens believe that their education will be continued as long as they live. In other words, by establishing a public library the people of Richmond will in effect say: The instruction we received in school and college will now simply be the beginning, the preparation for the education which we shall hereafter continue and round out by means of the resources of our own public library, founded and maintained by ourselves, and used by ourselves—not simply as some seem to think, by their own hands, but by the hands of the public library you are losing the opportunity to declare this as your idea of education and of life, you are depriving yourselves of a powerful agent for fostering the development of an enlightened social, civic and industrial life."

As to Credit

Benjamin Franklin once said:

"The most trifling actions that affect a man's credit are to be regarded. The sound of your hammer at five in the morning, or nine at night, heard by a creditor, makes him easier six months longer; but if he sees you at a billiard table, or hears your voice at a tavern when you should be at work, he sends for his money the next day."

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FIRE BOARD ASKS FOR MORE FUNDS

Would Add Hook and Ladder Company of Ten Men in South Richmond.

REPLACE SIXTEEN CALL MEN

Wants \$20,000 to Purchase Additional Motor Apparatus for Department.

An increase of \$15,372 in the annual payroll account of the Richmond Fire Department was asked by the Board of Fire Commissioners last night, when it adopted the annual schedule of the financial requirements of the department for submission to the Council Finance Committee. For the payroll appropriation for the coming year the board asks \$193,372, as compared with \$160,000 last year, and \$109,948.96 provided in the budget of 1908.

The increase over the amount allowed last year provides for changing sixteen of the present call men into full station firemen, paying for all time instead of paying for only the right to call on them when the alarm rings. That the local department eliminate call men and provide all station companies with men who live and sleep at the firehouses, has long been a demand of the insurance underwriters, and the budget last year provided for transferring sixteen call men to the station list. The board proposes this year to change another sixteen, thus providing a number of fully equipped companies in the central section of the city.

Add Ten Men on Southside.
The remainder of the increase in payroll asked for is to install a new hook and ladder company of ten men in South Richmond. It is proposed when the new motor hook and ladder truck, the purchase of which has been authorized, arrives, that it be installed at Broad Street engine house, and that one of the horse trucks now in use be transferred to South Richmond, with the consequent addition of ten men to the department, installed in the South Richmond engine house.

For Fire Department expenses the board asks \$28,000 as compared with \$22,500 provided last year, and \$19,000 five years ago. Increased cost of horses and horse feed and the need for additional horse and equipment are given as reasons for the constantly increasing expenses of the department.

Want More Motor Apparatus.
To continue the policy of installing motor apparatus by the purchase of tractors, and to provide for a new motor combination chemical engine and hose wagon for light duty, the board is asking \$10,000 for an automobile engine and \$3,000 for motor cars for the fire chiefs. Out of its general funds the board has just purchased a motor truck for use in the Fire Alarm Department, to replace a repair wagon now in use.

In the Fire Alarm Department the board asks, for payroll, \$8,585, as compared with \$7,821 last year and \$4,400 five years ago; for expenses, \$2,530, for construction, \$14,125, as compared with \$1,000 last year and \$1,500 five years ago. In connection with the latter item, it was explained that it was desired to replace a large amount of out-of-date machinery used in the fire alarm service with more modern equipment.

SNATCH THIEF

Negro Arrested on Charge of Grabbing

Wagon and Chain.
John Thompson, alias Henry Jackson, colored, was arrested last night by Patrolman McGowan and Sweet on the charge of snatching a silver watch and chain valued at about \$20. Wesley Carter, also colored, as he stood at the corner of Seventeenth and Franklin Streets on the night of January 21, John McKesson, colored, who was with Thompson at the time of his arrest, was also taken in custody and held as a suspicious character, suspected of having committed a felony. They are believed to have held up and robbed another negro in South Richmond about a week ago.

VERDICT FOR \$1,000

Jury Gives Mrs. Belvin Sum for In-

jury on Street Car.
In the case of Mrs. Annie P. Belvin against the Virginia Railway and Power Company, which has been on trial in the Law and Equity Court for the past three days, the jury rendered a verdict yesterday in the sum of \$1,000. Mrs. Belvin was injured in a step accident at Hancock and Broad Streets, the car starting forward as she was in the act of getting on board. She sued through O'Flaherty, Fulton & Co., attorneys, for the sum of \$15,000. The usual motions to set aside the verdict were continued for argument.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union Arranging for Series of Concerts.
Efforts to establish permanent headquarters here are soon to be launched by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The local union will shortly erect or purchase a suitable centrally located building. In connection with the new building plans, the union has arranged with the National Society for Broader Education, of which Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, of William and Mary College, and Dr. R. E. Blackwell, of Randolph-Macon, are Virginia vice-presidents, for a series of concerts to be given here during the next few months. Mrs. W. M. Bickers is president of the local branch of the W. C. T. U., and is now negotiating with representatives of the society for these entertainments, the proceeds of which will go toward the permanent headquarters fund.

WANT PERMANENT HOME

Petition Said to Have Been Filed Against Richmond Man.
According to a special received last night by The Times-Dispatch from Norwich, Conn., Rachel F. Billings, of Norwich, has filed a divorce petition in the Superior Court there asking for a decree from her husband, William H. Billings, of Richmond, Va., formerly of Petersburg, Va., on grounds of desertion since October, 1909. The maiden name of the plaintiff was Rachel F. Jones. They were married, according to the petition, December 17, 1902, and lived together in Virginia and Norwich, Mr. Billings has lived in Richmond and Petersburg since 1909. The petition will probably be heard at the March sessions of the Superior Court.

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William Anderson was arrested yesterday by Patrolman Kuhn on the charge of cruelty working a mule.

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PLANS GREATEST MUSICAL EVENT

Wednesday Club Decides to Import More Opea Stars Than Ever.

After a lengthy session last night, the Board of Governors of the Wednesday Club announced that the coming musical festival, May 3 and 4, will be the most elaborate from every standpoint that the club has ever engineered. No artists have been signed, it was stated, although dozens are under consideration, and the orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York is again scheduled to appear.

The first night of the festival will be given over to miscellaneous work, some orchestral, some choral and some solo offerings, the chorus being eliminated for the performance. John Powell appeared as the pianist last May, with Zimbalist as the violin virtuoso, but neither of these favorites is in America this season. A concert is scheduled for the second night of the festival, but just what opera is to be rendered has not been definitely decided. It is the impression that "Aida," Verdi's great opera, which was sung here years ago by the club, will be repeated this season. The board began the selection of singers with this opera in mind, but is now hesitating in the choice of music since it developed that several of the artists who have created roles in "Aida" are unavailable for the Richmond festival.

Many Have Engagements.
The board is making a determined effort to secure singers who fit the music this year, and in encountering serious difficulty in carrying out this plan. Many of the singers who have become associated in the musical public with certain roles of "Aida" on account of their remarkable interpretation of those parts are either scheduled to be across the water by May or have already contracted for engagements elsewhere in the country at the time of the Richmond festival. The date of the local affair conflicts with the time set for similar affairs in other cities and the conflict is proving a serious handicap in the signing of singers.

While the board has yet hesitated to close positively with any stars, it appears very probable that Clarence Whitehill, the bassoonist who contributed the most striking feature of the last festival in his wonderful playing of "Wotan's Farewell," will be among the stars of this year's concert. Madame Alma Gluck, by all odds Richmond's favorite diva, will be in Europe when the Richmond festival is in swing, and the board has naturally failed in the effort to secure her services.

The board has decided to plunge heavier than ever this season in the expensive joy of imported stars and announces that the grand opera singers to be engaged for the festival will outnumber the importations of any other single year. The outlay of opera stars cost the club approximately \$3,000 last season, but the public responded with amazing patronage and the club escaped without deficit. The board believes the Richmond public is willing to pay the price for music of this type and plans accordingly to make this festival outshine any of its numerous predecessors.

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CITY AFTER BIG ELECTRIC MEET

Business Manager W. T. Dabney, of the Chamber of Commerce, left at noon yesterday for New York to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the American Electric Railway Association, which meets in the metropolis this morning for the purpose of selecting this year's convention city.

Mr. Dabney will appear before the committee this morning with invitations from Governor Mann, Mayor Ainslie, the Municipal Government, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Virginia Railway and Power Company, asking the association to meet in this city. The organization is one of the foremost in the country and is composed of electric railway men from every State in the Union.

The chamber, as was pointed out at the annual meeting Tuesday night, is confining its convention program to those organizations only which are national in their scope and bear particularly upon problems with which this city is concerned. Eight large conventions of this class have already been booked for this year, through the instrumentality of the Chamber of Commerce and the Advertising Committee of the City Council.

The American Electric Railway Association has met usually in the North and West. Mr. Dabney will make a strong plea for the selection of Richmond this year because of the death of Edward Pegram, colored, Tuesday night at Adams and Leigh Street, is a Negro, thirteen years old, who lives with his parents at 444 West Baker Street. It was learned that he had been at home yesterday morning, but when the officers ascertained he was accused of the murder and swore out a warrant he was not to be found. His capture was confidently predicted.

SAY BOY KILLED HIM

Police Learn Identity of Alleged Assailant of Edward Pegram.

According to information obtained yesterday by Patrolmen J. J. Smith and Galbraith, the negro who cut the throat and caused the death of Edward Pegram, colored, Tuesday night at Adams and Leigh Street, is a Negro, thirteen years old, who lives with his parents at 444 West Baker Street. It was learned that he had been at home yesterday morning, but when the officers ascertained he was accused of the murder and swore out a warrant he was not to be found. His capture was confidently predicted.

CONSIDERS MOTION

Judge Scott Will Decide Case of Convicted Constable To-Morrow.

Argument to set aside the verdict of the jury which recently found Constable W. A. Davis guilty on a charge of committing an assault on J. N. Throckmorton, a motorman on the Richmond and Rappahannock River line, were heard yesterday before Judge R. Carter Scott in the Henrico Circuit Court. James T. Lewis and J. R. Russell appeared for the accused, while Commonwealth's Attorney Frank T. Sutton looked after the interests of the State. Judge Scott took the matter under consideration and will render his decision Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

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BAGGAGE LIMIT MAY BE RAISED

Travelers' Protective Association Asks Corporation Commission for Increase.

The State Corporation Commission yesterday heard argument on the plea of the Travelers' Protective Association that the maximum limit for baggage be raised from 150 to 200 pounds, and took the matter under advisement. The T. P. A. has steadily fought for a raise in the baggage limit, and the railroads have opposed any such proposition bitterly.

The courtroom in the Capitol was crowded with representatives of the T. P. A. and the railroads. The transportation lines were one in declaring that it would be an injustice to raise the baggage limit fifty pounds. Among those who appeared for the travelers were: M. W. Joyner, H. L. Harwood, A. D. Brockett and J. B. Pinder.

Representing the Virginia railroads were: S. E. Burgess, John D. Potts, H. F. Cary, L. W. Woody, W. W. Croxton, O. P. McCarthy, G. W. Squiggins, Chas. Lorrain, H. C. White, J. B. Mordahl, W. B. Beville, W. C. Saunders and C. B. Cook.

Finds Missing Wagon.
Deputy Sheriff W. W. Sydnor returned yesterday from Williamsburg, where he succeeded in locating a fine hound dog which was stolen recently from George Richmond, of the Deep Run Hunt Club. The animal which is valued at \$40 was found in possession of an aged white man, Thad Ross, to whom it had been shipped. It is said, by Linwood Saunders, of Richmond, Saunders claims to have purchased the dog from a negro. He will be given a hearing this morning before Magistrate S. H. Sunday, of Henrico County.

PARAGRAPH PULPIT

The Religion of the Future.

That a change is taking place in the thought of the religious world is apparent to even the casual observer. We believe that this change is in the interest of a better and more rational interpretation of religion. Dr. Chas. W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard, some time ago delivered an address on the "Religion of the Future." This address has been published for free distribution, and may be had by any one sending request for the same to the Publicity Committee, 101 North Harrison Street, Richmond.—Advertisement.

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